

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in the case.

By the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner required election of one of the following species:

Species 1: FIG. 3, claims 3, 4

Species 2: FIGS. 4A, 4B, claims 5, 6, 9, 10

Species 3: FIG. 4C, claims 7-8

Species 4: FIGS. 5A, 5B, claims 11-14

Species 5: FIG. 7A-7D, claims 15-20.


Claim 1 has been deemed generic. It is respectfully submitted that serious burden would not be placed on the Examiner to search the common subject and examine all species together, obviating the need for restriction.

However, to further prosecution of the case the election herein is made without traverse. It is recognized that in order for this paper to be responsive to the Office Action, an election must be made. Accordingly, claims of species 2 (5, 6, 9 and 10) are elected for examination at this time without traverse along with generic claim 1.

The Applicant reserves the right to rejoinder of the remaining species of claims (e.g., species 1, 3, 4 and 5) should a generic claim (claim 1) be deemed allowable. The Applicant also reserves the right to pursue the other species of claims by way of separate divisional applications. Early and favorable action of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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